

Yesterday the House passed House Resolution 38 which directed that discretionary spending in fiscal year 2011 (FY 2011) be reduced to FY 2008 spending levels or less after the current FY 2011 spending bill expires in March. This represents about \$60 billion in spending cuts through September 30, the end of the fiscal year. I supported this resolution as a good first step but I believe that we need to do more. Before the fiscal year began last October, Republicans committed to supporting \$100 billion in FY 2011 cuts. While it is naturally more difficult to achieve this level of savings considering that only about seven months will remain in the fiscal year and that the previous majority kept the first five months of FY 2011 spending at record levels, I joined 88 of my fellow strong fiscal conservatives in [urging](#) new House Speaker John Boehner to continue to pursue at least \$100 billion in cuts. With today's news that the FY 2011 deficit is on track to be a record \$1.5 trillion, I believe Congress must aggressively tackle our nation's debt crisis.

Meanwhile, in the State of the Union last night, President Obama proposed a spending freeze for the next five years. Although I do hope that he is beginning to see the light regarding the need to cut spending, a freeze is simply inadequate. We can't lock in the record spending increases that the President and former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi inflicted on the country over the last two years – an 84% increase in domestic discretionary spending. House Resolution 38 demands substantial cuts—not just a freeze—and I promise you that I will continue to help Washington tighten its belt and reduce federal spending so that we may preserve America's greatness for future generations.